

OIA-103/78

29 November 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : Assignment of Liaison Officer to the Operations Directorate

John,

For the past few years the Office of Imagery Analysis has assigned an analyst to serve as a liaison officer with the Operations Directorate on a one year rotational basis. Although the bulk of our effort is in support of the intelligence production programs of the National Foreign Assessment Center, I consider our specialized imagery analysis support to the DDO to be a crucial part of our mission.

I believe that the liaison position has been a useful career experience for our people and that it has provided a particularly high payoff for the Operations Directorate. I plan to extend the arrangement for another year, if you agree, but I am sure that a year from now I will again be struggling with the question of whether or not we can afford to continue providing a position for the function.

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The present incumbent in the liaison position is [redacted] We intend to replace [redacted] with [redacted] GS-12, a senior analyst who has experience providing analytical support on Middle Eastern ground forces [redacted]. We wish to send [redacted] to Headquarters on 11 December for two weeks familiarization. He will then be on annual leave for a week and will actually assume his one year tour on 2 January when [redacted] will return to OIA.

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I will be happy to discuss this position and any other aspects of OIA support to DDO with you or appropriate members of your staff at any time. I believe that it would be particularly useful if you could find a chunk of time in your busy schedule to visit us here [redacted] meet a few of the people who actually do the work, and generally get a first-hand appreciation of how imagery analysis can contribute to the efforts of the Operations Directorate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Economic Research
SUBJECT : The Petroleum Supply Analysis Center
Maurice;

I have reviewed your memorandum dated 9 November 1978, which outlines your revised concept of the Petroleum Supply Analysis Center. It seems to me that it is a more workable first step and I am pleased to see that you agree that the imagery analysis functions can best be performed [REDACTED]

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Noel E. Firth
Director
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